

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, September 16, 2009 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 20 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart, Senate Chair
Rep. Michael E. Noel, House Chair
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Pres. Michael G. Waddoups
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Roger E. Barrus
Rep. Melvin R. Brown
Rep. Julie Fisher
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke
Rep. James R. Gowans
Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod

Rep. F. Jay Seegmiller
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox
Rep. Bradley A. Winn

Members Absent:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Ms. Victoria Stirling, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Sen. Urquhart called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Seegmiller moved to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Goodfellow, Pres. Waddoups, Rep. Gowans, and Rep. Winn were absent for the vote.

2. E911

Mr. Dean Cox, Chair, and Mr. Mike Matuieu, Utah 911 Committee, Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center, distributed and presented "The status of 911 in the State of Utah." Mr. Cox discussed the formation of the Utah 911 Committee through 2004 General Session H.B. 36, "Management, Enhancement, and Funding of 911 System," and the subsequent improvements which now enable operators at the Public Safety Answering Points throughout most of the state to locate an emergency call coming from a cell phone to within a radius of about 125 meters.

Mr. Matuieu commented on the ongoing development of access to location information throughout all areas of the state.

3. State Interoperability Executive Committee Projects (SIEC)

Mr. Stephen Fletcher, Executive Director, Department of Technology Services (DTS), distributed "Statewide Communications Interoperability Committee" and "State Interoperability Executive Committee Radio Interoperability Initiative – Executive Summary," and introduced Mr. Peterson.

Mr. Ken Peterson, Chief Operating Officer, DTS, gave a presentation on the "Statewide Communications Interoperability Committee." Mr. Peterson discussed technological options for effective first responders interoperability coverage statewide and funding options, and encouraged the Committee to recommend expansion of the 800 MHz coverage funding through a surcharge and to give direction to local governments to increase interoperability.

Mr. Stephen Proctor, Executive Director, Utah Communications Agency Network (UCAN), responded to questions about current rates and user fees.

4. Legislative Audit: Department of Technology Services

Mr. Christopher Otto, former Legislative Auditor, Office of the Legislative Auditor, distributed and presented "A Performance Audit of the Department of Technology Services." Mr. Otto gave a brief overview of each section of the audit and responded to committee members' questions.

Mr. Tim Osterstock, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor, responded to questions about proposed changes as recommended by the audit to DTS.

Mr. Fletcher said the audit was useful. He discussed the DTS plans process and the means for maintaining good customer service while reducing costs. Mr. Fletcher responded to questions about the consolidation of services and recent purchases made to upgrade the data center.

Mr. Osterstock also responded to questions about the server consolidation.

Sen. Urquhart said he would like to revisit the issue in a couple of months.

In response to questions about the formation of DTS, Mr. North gave a brief history and referred committee members to 2005 General Session H.B. 109, "Information Technology Governance Amendments."

5. Natural Gas Vehicle Fueling Infrastructure

Mr. Craig Wagstaff, General Manager, Public Relations, Questar Gas Company, briefed committee members on plans to increase the number of natural gas fueling stations throughout the state.

Ms. Robin Erickson, Director, Utah Clean Cities, discussed a recently rewarded \$14.9 million stimulus grant from the Department of Energy to Utah Clean Cities which will be used in part to help fund the development of accessible fueling stations for alternative fueled vehicles.

Mr. Wagstaff and Ms. Erickson encouraged the Legislature to continue providing incentives to promote the use of natural gas and other alternatively fueled vehicles which will reduce the need for foreign oil and help clean Utah's air.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

Chair Urquhart acknowledged contributions made by Ms. Stirling, who has been reassigned as Associate General Counsel in the area of Political Subdivisions. He expressed appreciation for her work on the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee.

MOTION: Rep. Fisher moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Pres. Waddoups, Rep. Fowlke, Rep. Greenwood, and Rep Winn were absent for the vote.

Chair Urquhart adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.